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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN EARTHQUAKE: DAMAGE TO COMPUTER CENTER

REF: (A) STATE 068788; (B) BUCHAREST 2173

1. COMPUTER CENTER DIRECTOR MIHUITA CONFIRMED TODAY THAT THREE REPEAT THREE EMPLOYEES WERE KILLED WHEN THE CENTER COLLAPSED DURING MARCH 4 EARTHQUAKE. MANY EMPLOYEES (TOTAL UNREPORTE) OF THE ADJACENT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIED IN THEIR HOMES, BUT NONE EXCEPT THE THREE DUTY TECHNICIANS MENTIONED ABOVE WAS CONNECTED WITH COMPUTER CENTER NOR CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER FIELD.

2. IN SAME CONVERSATION, MIGUITA TOLD EMBOFF THAT MINISTRY WAS DISCUSSING POSSIBILITIES FOR PHASED ACQUISITION OF ENTIRELY NEW CONFIGURATIONS FROM IBM, CDC, UNIVAC, OR HONEYWELL. SYSTEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION TO HANDLE REAL-TIME ROLLING STOCK CONTROL AND BATCH PROCESSING WERE:

IBM 370/158
CDC 174
UNIVAC 1100/40 OR 1100/80
HONEYWELL 66/40 OR 66/60

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3. HE ALSO ASKED "INFORMAL" OPINION WHETHER SUCH REQUESTS WERE REALISTIC IN VIEW OF SIMILAR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ALREADY SOLD TO YUGOSLAVIA AND USSR? EMBOFF DID NOT ENCOURAGE THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING, POINTING OUT THAT IN ANY CASE SUCH REQUESTS WOULD REQUIRE ENTIRELY NEW EXPORT LICENSE REVIEW WITH LITTLE HOPE OF QUICK ACTION OF THE SORT WE UNDERSTOOD GOR DESIRED.

4. FYI: SIEMENS COMPUTER MENTIONED REF B TURNS OUT TO BE AN RCA SPECTRA 70/45, APPARENTLY OF US MANUFACTURE, BUT SOLD UNDER SIEMENS' LOGO. THIS WAS UNKNOWN TO ROMANIANS UNTIL PAST FEW DAYS WHEN TECHNICIANS BEGAN DISASSEMBLING THE DAMAGED EQUIPMENT AND IDENTIFIED RCA MARKINGS.

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